

MINUTES OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES CONTINUANCE COMMITTEE, HELD ON FRIDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25th 1970 AT 3 p.m.

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PRESENT: W. Akin, S. Alvi, R. Coyte, H. Habib (Chairman), J. Kieran,  
M. Muharuma, J. Mwasia.

1. Dr. Alvi moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 23rd be accepted. Seconded by Dr. Kieran. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Minutes of the meeting of January 24, 1968 of Senate were distributed and it was clarified by the Chairman that it was these nine resolutions from the AD HOC committee that were accepted by Senate, not the proposal on December 18th 1967.
3. The problems defined by the AD HOC committee in their report are as follows:
  - "1) Who would recommend the promotion or termination of contract of cross-appointees after their cross-appointment?"
  - "2) Could the African Centre be "sabotaged" if departments were not interested or if they consistently refused to approve cross-appointments?"
  - "3) If a department disapproves of a cross-appointment or of an African course offering, could the Centre be left with a "dangling man" (or a dangling course)? And under such circumstances will not the Centre be forced to develop into a full-fledged department contrary to the provisions (3) - (7) above?" i.e. 3 - 7 of resolutions passed by Senate on January 24, 1968.
  - "4) Would a cross-appointee owe "his loyalty" primarily to his department or to the Centre?"
  - "5) Provisions (5) and (6) above"(i.e. 9 resolutions)"place undue pressure on departments to expand in a certain direction which may be contrary to its own free and natural development."

"Finally, the Political Science Department has pointed out that we must give serious consideration to situating African Studies in a broader context of the Third World."

4. The Chairman read the report from the library concerning the African collection:

	<u>Book Budget 1964-1971*</u>
1964-1965	\$11,000.00 <sup>1</sup>
1965-1966	1,000.00
1966-1967	3,700.00 <sup>2</sup>
1967-1968	6,000.00 <sup>3</sup>
1968-1969	6,700.00 <sup>4</sup>
1969-1970	5,300.00
1970-1971	2,700.00 <sup>5</sup>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$36,400.00</u>

## 4. library report continued

Total Canada Council Contribution	\$ 8,000.00
Total Loyola Contribution	28,400.00

\* These figures are approximate. Up to 1967 the serial expenses were charged to a separate fund. Reference books are, in the majority of cases, charged to the General Library Fund.

1. \$10,000.00 special grant spent in 1964-65 and 1965-66, and \$1,000.00 regular allocation.
2. \$2,000.00 Canada Council grant.
3. \$3,000.00 Canada Council grant.
4. \$3,000.00 Canada Council grant.
5. Serial commitments. Does not include any new orders in 1970-71.

5. There was no report available on salary budget. Dr. Savage's salary was paid from the History budget. Dr. Porter's salary came from the Centre's budget and it was thought that the Centre's secretary was also drawn from the Centre budget.

6. Professor Coyte expressed the opinion that the Centre was primarily built around one man, Dr. Savage. According to Senate motion 6804 # 8, the Centre was to negotiate with the University of Montreal, McGill and Sir George Williams to create a Montreal Institute for African Studies. There is no indication that any steps have been made in this direction. It was felt that African Studies do not require special support unless it does more than offer courses. As it exists now, it cannot receive any more special treatment.

7. Professor Akin felt that the Centre would always be a problem financially. If, however, it remains as a "Paper Organization" it would have certain advantages: Funds from outside the College would be more likely if it were joined together rather than separate courses in each department. A certificate in African Studies could be offered, which would be advantageous for those interested in Graduate Schools.

8. Mr. Mwasia felt that the "Centre" had meaning to the students involved. Students were able to become interested in a country with very little written literature. The Centre could not go on without a director - Dr. Savage should be replaced. Canadians have strange views of Africa, and it is a credit to Loyola to change these views.

9. Dr. Kieran thought that the books in the library were well chosen and appeared to be a good collection for research even on the graduate level.

10. Dr. Alvi stated that the committee's job was not to destroy the Centre, but merely to take a good look at what the Centre has accomplished since it began. History and Political Science are the only departments offering courses, there are none in Sociology and Economics. There are no students actually registered in African studies and no grant for the Centre except for books. There is no faculty-student ratio to examine since there are no students and only cross-appointees in faculty.



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11. A possible solution was offered. The Centre cannot afford to be an autonomous department, but it could continue at little cost. A Director could be chosen from another department within the college with responsibilities such as directing research programmes, organizing conferences and lectures but the courses would be left in the individual departments. Book orders would be through one person to avoid duplication. The conferences would draw on people from the Montreal area. New terms of reference should be established and departments would be free to establish their own programmes. The Centre would act as a bridge between Africa and Canada. Dr. Kieran, an African specialist, was suggested as a potential director for the Centre. It was decided that this possibility would be discussed further at the next meeting.

12. The opinion was expressed that the committee cannot rule out what Dr. Savage has done for the Centre, unfortunately Dr. Savage is not here to defend himself. The Centre has done a great deal with C.U.S.O. and made Canadians aware of Africa. There is no future for the Centre because there is no one to defend it. A new director should be appointed and maintain status quo.

13. All members agreed that they wish to continue the Centre for African Studies in some form.

14. Standing Committee - It was proposed that a standing committee be formed with the new director as chairman. This committee would have representatives from the student body and departments involved to keep in contact with the activities of the Centre.

15. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, in Room A - 127 at 10 a.m.

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